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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING AUGUST AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND

Approximately 45.8 million pounds of fresh and salted fish, spread among 25 classifications and valued at \$1,473,000, were landed during August by 284 fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Mass., according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents an increase of about 2.5 million pounds, or 6 percent, in volume, and of \$37,000, or 10 percent, in value. Compared with August 1940 when the catch amounted to 44.9 million pounds, valued at \$1,056,000, this indicates an increase of 2 percent in volume and of 39 percent in value. The landings during August were accounted for principally by large hauls of cod, mackerel, haddock, whiting, and rosefish.

Average price per pound of all species landed during August 1941 amounted to 3.21 cents, compared with about 2.35 cents for the same month last year.

For the eight-month period ending with August, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 313,799,000 pounds, valued at \$9,649,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 238,339,000 pounds, worth \$6,772,000.

Boston landings totaled 25,135,000 pounds, valued at \$1,050,000. The August 1940 catch amounted to 27,635,000 pounds, worth \$807,000.

Most abundant item in the Boston landings included: scrod haddock (7.7 million pounds, valued at \$293,000); large haddock (6.1 million pounds, valued at \$277,000); whiting (2.7 million pounds, valued at \$61,000); mackerel (1.7 million pounds, valued at \$68,000); rosefish (1.5 million pounds, at \$33,000); and market cod (1.4 million pounds, valued at \$55,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 18,197,000 pounds, valued at \$385,000. Rosefish, with 12 million pounds, worth \$221,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during August amounted to 2,503,000 pounds, worth \$38,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 1.4 million pounds, valued at \$21,000.

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